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SUBJECT: GDR VISA REQUIREMENT FOR EAST BERLIN

FOLLOWING IS THAT PORTION OF DEPT NOON PRESS BRIEFING
JAN 6 CONCERNING BERLIN:

QUOTE:

Q BOB, IF WE ARE FINISHED WITH THAT-- DO YOU HAVE
ANY COMMENT ON RECENT CHANGES MADE IN THE VISA REGULATIONS
BY THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES, REGARDING EAST BERLIN?

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A THAT BONN GROUP IS NOW LOOKING INTO THAT.

Q WHICH GROUP?

A THE BONN GROUP CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS -- AND WE EXPECT THAT A
COORDINATED RESPONSE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THEM.

.. BUT EVEN IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE TAKE A SERIOUS VIEW OF THESE ACTIONS AND CLAIMS BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND BECAUSE WE DO, THAT IS WHY WE ARE CONSULTING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE BONN GROUP.

.. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS CANNOT AFFECT THE STATUS OF BERLIN. ONLY THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

.. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REITERATE THE U.S. POSITION THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS OF BERLIN IS A BASIC POINT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, AND REMAINS A TEST OF PROGRESS.

Q SLOW DOWN, NOW.

A -- IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

Q SIR, COULD YOU REPEAT THAT LAST PHRASE? "REMAINS--"

A REMAINS A TEST OF PROGRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

.. SO ANY EFFORT TO CHANGE THAT STATUS WOULD RAISE MOST SERIOUS QUESTIONS FOR US.

Q IN THE MEANTIME, HAS THE UNITED STATES, OR ANYBODY, UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTESTED TO THE GDR?

A WHAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS -- OR BY THE BONN GROUP -- IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE NOW CONSULTING WITH THEM ABOUT.

.. SO, AS I INDICATED EARLIER, THERE WILL BE A COORDINATED RESPONSE BY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

Q THE BONN GROUP INCLUDES -- ?

A FRANCE, THE U.K., FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES.

Q SO THEN -- WELL, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS?

A NO. I'M SORRY, NO.

Q SO THAT IT'S --

A IT IS THE FOUR ALLIES.

Q NOT THE SOVIETS.

A NO, I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SOVIETS. UNQUOTE.
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